

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
October 19, 2015 Meeting
Held at Hopkinton Library - 7:00PM

10/19/15 Minutes – Approved 11/17/15

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, Bob Lapree

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Horne Lot: Subsequent to the Select Board's public hearing, HCC voted unanimously to expend \$3,000 from the Town Forest fund to purchase Donelda Horne's interest in the so called Bohanan outlot.
2. HCC minutes of 09/15/15: Accepted as presented.
3. Treasurer's report through September 2015: Accepted as presented.
4. Kimball Lake Recreation Area signs: Approved expenditure of \$48 for four signs.
5. HCC Budget for 2016: Jed Merrow will attend Select Board Budget meeting 10/26 with our proposed 2016 budget.
6. HCC Summer 2015 Conservation Camper: Report deferred until the November meeting.
7. Trails subcommittee update: Committee will be meeting on Wednesday 10/21.
8. NHACC Meeting 11/07/15 in Pembroke: No one from the HCC plans to attend.
9. Hopkinton Cares HCC Projects: October 17 Bob Lapree and Cleve Kapala oversaw volunteers cutting brush at Kimball Lake.
10. List of town owned properties: HCC will review at the November meeting.
11. HCC membership: Three people filled out applications to serve as alternates. Lee Wilder will recommend that the Select Board appoint the two best qualified applicants, James Newsom and Melissa Jones.
12. Rollins Lot: Approved hiring Tim Bernier to set the missing lot corner marker and blaze from the corner to the stone wall for not to exceed \$700. Ron Klemarczyk will make arrangements. Ron will also get prices for mowing the lot with a brontosaurus.
13. Hopkinton Master Plan Review: Reviewed the plan from page 187 to page 200. Lee Wilder will draft an update of the second paragraph on page 191, re water districts. Jed Merrow will ask the NRCS if they have statistics to update the "Farmland" section, pages 193 – 196. Jed will also update the "Wildlife Habitat Management" section, pages 197 – 200. HCC will continue to review the plan in November, starting with "Greenways and Trails, page 200.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hillary Chapman of Audubon had first graders at Brockway on Wednesday 10/14/15 and Thursday 10/15/15 from 9-11 AM and Preschool on Friday 10/16/15.
2. Gate at Kimball Recreation Area: Ron Klemarczyk will investigate installing a gate to block vehicle access from the cabins area onto the road leading to the forest.
3. Land Change of Use Fee: Cleve Kapala will informally discuss with the Select Board increasing the amount of the fee used for land conservation from 35% to 50%.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 17 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Doug is the host.